

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
SAVANNAH DIVISION

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ERIC MITCHELL BLANTON,

Petitioner,

v.

CHRISTOPHER M. CARR,

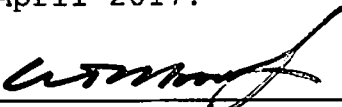
Defendant.

CASE NO. CV416-213

O R D E R

Before the Court is Petitioner's Notice of Appeal, which the Court construes as a Motion for Certificate of Appealability ("COA"). (Doc. 21.) Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c), an appeal may not be taken in this matter unless the court first issues a COA. This certificate may issue only if Petitioner has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). The Court has carefully considered Petitioner's case and finds that he cannot meet the above standard. As a result, any request by Petitioner for leave to appeal in forma pauperis would be moot. Accordingly, Petitioner's construed Motion for Certificate of Appealability (Doc. 21) is **DENIED**.

SO ORDERED this 27th day of April 2017.


WILLIAM T. MOORE, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA